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Dear Bro. Phelps,

I received a call this morning from a Mr. Walbrook ~~of~~ recently from Amherst, Mass. He stated that he was an agent of the Mass. A. S. Society's. It is none of my pastoral business, but I feel a deep interest in the prosperity of that society, and I fear greatly that they have employed Mr. W. without enquiring a sufficient testimonials of his fitness for the business. <sup>since I know him in Am.</sup> True he must have altered ~~very~~ much, or he is in my opinion by no means the man for the enterprise. Indeed I was not a little surprised that he should be willing to let me know that he was so employed, especially as a lecturer. He stated that he expected to lecture in Lynn on Wed. evening next, that he was in need of money to start with, also of opportunities to prepare &c. I hope the A. S. Society knows what they are about, but I dare not tell our friends here what I think of this case. One best, indeed perhaps all of our <sup>decided</sup> abolitionists here are friendly to the new Society. Had Mr. W. been the man for the <sup>work</sup> we should have been happy to have offered him our hospitalities as long as he would wish to stay among us, nor should he have gone away with empty pockets; but let us have the right man or something near it. Let me entreat you to enquire of the thoroughgoing abolitionists in Am. What they think of Mr. W. as a lecturer. In haste

yours for God & the Slave S. Leach